Projects through PFC:

1. Evacuation System for Maithon RB (1000 MW), Koderma (1000 MW) and Bokaro ext. (500 MW)
2. Scheme for enabling import of NER/ER surplus by NR

Projects through REC:

1. Evacuation System for North Karanpura (1980 MW)
2. Talcher Augmentation System.

Setting up of merchant power plants

†84. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have chalked out a plan to set up 25 merchant power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the detailed outlines of this plan and the total power generation capacity of these projects;

(c) whether it is a fact that the selling price of power generated under these projects will be fixed as desired by the project owners; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) In order to facilitate the development of electricity markets, the Ministry of Power has issued the guidelines on development of Merchant Power Plants, for which coal linkage/captive coal blocks would be available. The Ministry of Power, in consultation with the Ministry of Coal, has identified 15 coal blocks with estimated reserves of about 3.6 Billion tones for allocation to merchant and captive power plants through the Screening Committee route. The number of merchant plants are not firmed up as it will depend upon the availability of sites and other inputs required for the setting up of the Merchant Power Plants which are required to be tied up by the developer.

(c) and (d) The selling price of power generated under these projects

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(ix) Apportionment of project cost among various beneficiaries.

(x) Excessive burden on account of Net Present Value (NPV) with respect to forest lands.

(c) to (e) No Sir. According to the guidelines of the Government of India projects upto 100 MW can be developed through the Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) and by an large the States have been resorting to this route for projects upto 100 MW.

Policy for allocation of captive coal blocks

86. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new policy for allocating captive coal blocks for power projects and States utilities will be required to come forward with competitive bidding initiatives for large quantities of power, either on their own or in groups, as is the case with the Ultra-Mega Power Projects:

(b) if so, whether Government are working towards a plan where each State may have two to four Ultra-Mega Power Plants;

(c) if so, the concrete steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(d) the amount to be spent on each mega power project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Ministry of Power has formulated guidelines for facilitating allocation of coal linkage and captive coal blocks to the power projects.

(b) to (d) Presently, there is no policy to set up 2-4 Ultra-Mega Power Plants, (UMPP) (4000 MW capacity) in each State. The average investment required for setting up an UMPP is estimated to be around Rs. 16,000 to Rs. 18,000 crores. Each ultra mega project is expected to supply power to many States.

Rural electrification targets

87. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state: